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## Elba man arrested on multiple charges, including possession of a controlled substance

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested an Elba man early Sunday morning, Feb. 26 on multiple charges including possession of a controlled substance.



possession of a controlled substance [\$10,000 bond], misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$6,000 bond] and receiving stolen property - second degree [\$15,000 bond]. He also is being held on a felony probation violation charge [no bond set]. Brown remains in the Coffee County Jail at this time.

D'Anthony Brown, age 44, of Elba was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 4:16 a.m. Sunday morning, according to county jail records. His charges included: DUI combined substance [\$1,000 bond],



## Mayor Tom Maddox presents 'key to the city' to Elba native Dr. Henry Terry during Black History Month concert

Elba Elementary School hosted the George Washington Carver High School Concert Choir on Tuesday morning, Feb. 28, for a Black History Month concert (pictured above). The choir is led by Elba native Dr. Henry Terry.

Dr. Terry graduated from Elba High School in 1982. He has been employed the past 33 years in the Montgomery, Alabama public school district. Dr. Terry believes it is imperative that all educators prepare to meet all students' learning needs as the U.S. demographics and the multitude of cultures continue to change.

During Tuesday's event, which was held at the Elba High School auditorium, Elba Mayor Tom Maddox presented a symbolic 'key to the city' to Dr. Terry (pictured right).

During the concert, Dr. Terry played piano while James McTier conducted the choir. Dr. Terry's concert choir is renowned across the state and country.



## Elba City and Coffee County Schools receive funds from Southeast Gas 'Give Back to Schools' program

Southeast Gas recently announced its 2023 Give Back to Schools contribution of \$137,000 to 20 public school systems in Alabama, and the school systems in Coffee County were among the recipients.

To date, local public schools received more than \$1.7 million through the Give Back to Schools initiative and the more natural gas a school system uses, the more dollars that system receives. This program was established by Southeast Gas and its Board of Directors in 2010 and provides dollars to public schools based solely on their natural gas usage for the previous year.

Board members work alongside Superintendents in each school system to determine the best way for funds to be allocated.

"As a former educator, I understand the value of our school systems and the impact our local teachers, staff, and administrators make on students and the community," said Southeast Gas Board Chair and Andalusia City Councilman Kenneth Mount. "Much of our funding this year is allocated to technology advancements

and enhancements for our schools. Our goal with this program is to come alongside our schools as a partner and give leadership for each system the flexibility to use the funds where they are most needed."

Give Back to Schools is just one way Southeast Gas is committed to building stronger communities. Southeast Gas President and CEO Greg Henderson says the company's commitment to serve reaches well beyond these contributions, though.

"With a foundation of service, our Board and employees meet needs in ways I could never imagine. Sometimes that looks like physically spending time helping schools improve their athletic facilities," he said. "Other times it looks like volunteering side-by-side with students as they explore potential careers in the natural gas industry. And, then there are the days like these when we're making financial investments in our schools."

Local schools are a critical



Elba City Council member Gappa Wise (left) serves on the Southeast Gas board, and he recently presented Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley (right) with a check from the 2023 Southeast Gas 'Give Back to Schools' program. This year, the program contributed \$137,000 total to 20 public school systems.

cal component to community success. Southeast Gas also sponsors the Southeast Gas Community Service Scholarship, a competitive scholarship program for high school seniors attending public schools currently served by Southeast Gas. The scholarships are \$1,500, and multiple scholarships are awarded each year.

Last year 23 students received 2022 Community Service Scholarship. Applications for the 2023 scholarship are available on-line at the company's website

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Elba senior Faith Adcock was crowned the 2023 Miss Elba last Saturday night, Feb. 25, at the Elba High School auditorium. Above, she takes her first walk as the new Miss Elba after being crowned by 2022 Miss Elba Zalie McKelvy. A group photo of all the new Miss Elba queens can be found on Page 2.

## A TNA Impact Wrestling Event

### "Rumble on the River" returning Friday night to Elba High School

Live action wrestling returns this Friday, March 3, to the Elba High School gymnasium with professional TNA Impact Wrestling delivering the entertainment.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rumble on the River wrestling event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Prior to the wrestling event, there will be an 'autograph party' Friday afternoon from 3-5:30 p.m. at Elba Food Giant.

"These are all contract wrestlers through the WWE," event organizer Al Gilmore said. "This is basically a minor league farm system for professional wrestlers. They are all 'under contract' wrestlers working their way up to 'prime time' or returning from an injury."

Once the wrestling action gets underway Friday night at the high school gym, the show will include a Lucha Libre match featuring Antonio Garza against Mysterio De Alabama. A special event match will feature WWE/TNA Impact superstar Johnny Swinger against The Mercenary, and there will be a special appearance by WWE superstar Dink the Clown, and the Giant Hillbilly.

The U.S. Junior Title Match will feature a favor-

ite from last year, Action Mike Jackson, facing Brock Garvin.

The main event will be a 'King of the Ring' Battle Royale!

"Last year's event was phenomenal, but this year is going to be even bigger and better," Gilmore said.

"These guys mentioned are just a few of the awesome wrestlers set to come to Elba High School this year."

Gilmore said these TNA Impact Wrestling events are 100 percent family-friendly, legit wrestling events.

Tickets for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

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## Area Happenings

The Elba Chamber of Commerce and Southeast Alabama Works will host an ELBA Neighborhood Job Fair on Thursday, March 2, from 2-4 p.m. at Elba High School. This is open to the public. Space is limited to 25 employers. Register at: <https://seaw.me/ElbaJobFair2023>

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, March 2, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford St., Elba. This meeting is open to the public.

The Elba Lions Club will host its annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser Saturday, March 4, from 6-10 a.m., at the National Security Group Conference Center. A donation of \$5 per plate is requested. Dine-in or takeout.



Southeast Gas board member Gappa Wise (second from left) recently presented a check to Coffee County Schools from the Southeast Gas 'Give Back to Schools' program. The funds were presented by Wise to Holli Richardson, principal of New Brockton Elementary School for use at the Coffee County School. Also pictured is Gray Harrison (left), a Coffee County School System district administrator, and Mitch Thorn (right), an employee of Southeast Gas.

## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a pretty small package.* — John Ruskin

Was reading some catchy comments about marriage recently and one noted the advantage of having someone to blame for missing socks. Well, that one we can relate to. We have been living alone now for just over two years since Heddy's death and the socks continue to disappear and who can we blame — but ourself or the washing machine! We have even counted them — going into the washer and coming out, and have even number coming out but . . . two of that group will not have a mate.

Our book reading is going slow these days, as this Abe Lincoln history is so detailed that we 'crawl' down the pages, trying to absorb ALL the details. Alas, that is not only hard to do, but virtually impossible. Having always been a speed reader and knew what we had read at the end of the day, this is hard to accept. We read slower, try to focus on the material and still . . . well got another birthday coming up and will just blame it on 'old age'. However, reading a good book is enjoyable and it will be continued.

The U. S. Supreme Court is this week hearing the pros and cons on the legality of the feds forgiving up to \$20,000 in federal college loans for most of those who have such debt. Those watching the proceedings are alarmed that the judges are apparently questioning how the Education Department has the authority to forgive those loans. If that means they will rule the offer illegal without Congressional approval, those who were upset over the recent abortion ruling will be joined by thousands of mad former students (and maybe parents) who were counting on getting that freebie from the government. Our opinion on that is thousands of former college students have repaid their loans and moved on with their life. Plus as we have written before, many of those loans were spent on trips to the beach during spring holidays . . . We saw them passing through town and heard them laughing about their 'loan money' buying the gas and/or the beer. That implies they could have gotten by with a much smaller federal loan and thus lower monthly payments.

The Elba High girls' basketball team was the talk of the town recently as the team made its way up the ladder toward the state championship. That all came to a halt Monday as the score came down to a tie moments before the end of the game but the lady Tigers lost at the final whistle. They can hold their head high, as there were dozens of teams around the state wishing they had reached the semi-finals!

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**2023 MISS ELBA QUEENS CROWNED...**The 2023 Miss Elba Pageants were held Saturday night, Feb. 25, from the Elba High School auditorium. Queens were crowned in seven categories. The newly crowned Miss Elba Queens are: (front, left to right) Petite Miss Elba Olivia Grantham, Young Miss Elba Ellison Eldridge, Little Miss Elba Kayleigh Smith, and Future Little Miss Elba Aubrielle Sims; (back, left to right) Teen Miss Elba Shaylee Johnson, Miss Elba Faith Adcock, and Junior Miss Elba Keelie Moseley.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**To the Members of the Elba High School Class of 1972:**

On behalf of the board officers and members of the Elba High School Alumni Association, I extend a heartfelt thank you to you all for your generous donation of \$500 made recently to our association.

The Elba High School Alumni Association was formed to be an asset/resource for Elba City Schools. Each year, the association provides \$3,000 in scholarship monies to graduating seniors [a \$1,500 scholarship for a male graduate and a \$1,500 scholarship for a female graduate]. To this date, over \$21,000 has been provided in scholarship monies, and we plan to add to that total in May.

On top of that, the association's board works closely with the schools, and strives to assist with needs that may arise throughout each school year. We are only able to accomplish these things through

support of alumni such as your class members. We rely on membership dues, an annual golf tournament fundraiser, and private donation, like yours, to allow us to help Elba City Schools.

As always...It's Great to be an Elba Tiger!!

Sincerely,

Linda Hodge, president  
Elba High School Alumni Association

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Write a Letter to  
the Editor

**Cuzin Lou Lou's  
Tales from Yonder**  
Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Sister has gotten back on her low carb diet recently to help with her blood sugar levels, and she has convinced Cuzin Lou Lou to at least make an attempt at cutting some carbs from her diet as well.

Lou Lou will admit she actually feels better on the days she "cuts the carbs" from her food intake, but there are still those other days when those pesky things are just too enticing to avoid!

Earlier this week, Papa was gone during lunch-

time, so, Lou Lou 'fixed' a low-carb-friendly lunch for she and Sister. Lou Lou ate before Sister got home for lunch, and being bit on the hungry side, she slipped some crackers in with her meal. She got rid of the evidence before Sister got there, but to no avail...Sister 'guessed' that Lou Lou had eaten crackers with her meal.

Some habits are just hard to break...Lou Lou is just a work in progress.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling.

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, and Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Feb. 21** — Harassing communications reported at 94 County Rd 263 (3:43 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, and one citation.

**Wednesday, Feb. 22** —

Suspicious person reported at 816 Putnam St (12:13 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 189 (1:09 a.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and one citation.

**Thursday, Feb. 23** — Animal complaint reported at 156 County Rd 263 — w/ impound (8:25 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 638-N

Claxton Ave — w/impound (11:04 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1131 Guyton St (1:38 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 595 Collier St (3:31 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 1131 Guyton St (3:43 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Caroline St (9:00 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1026 Caroline St (10:16 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one written warning, three citations, and one verbal warning.

**Friday, Feb. 24** — Domestic complaint reported on Beaver Dam St (12:08 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Powell Circle (1:31 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 94 County Rd 403 (9:03 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 721 N Claxton Ave (11:32 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 200 Buford St (3:26 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Fox Dr (10:11 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two citations, and two verbal warnings.

**Saturday, Feb. 25** — Disturbance reported at 529 Adkinson Ave (12:25 a.m.); Grass fire reported on Hwy 125 (9:54 a.m.); Harassment reported at 632 N Claxton Ave (5:57 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 2858 Hwy 125 (7:31 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, two written warnings, and one citation.

**Sunday, Feb. 26** — Report of shots fired in area of Tiger Town (4:55 a.m.); Noise complaint reported on Adkinson Ave (8:28 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in one arrest, three verbal warnings, three written warnings, two citations, and one assistance rendered.

**Monday, Feb. 27** — Suspicious person reported at 1125 Morrow Ave (7:54 a.m.); Theft of property reported on West St (8:12 a.m.); Theft of services reported at 971 Smith Ave (9:28 a.m.); Grass fire reported at 550 County Rd 502 (9:58 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 650 N Claxton Ave (1:10 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 118 Stroud Ave (1:30 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1058 Morrow Ave (3:40 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 816 Putnam St (3:55 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1119 Guyton St (5:06 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in advice given.

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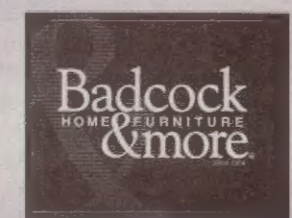
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# TNA

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Annual Rumble on the River are on sale online at GoFan.co – just search Elba High School events. Ringside tickets are \$20 each [there is a limited number available], and general admission tickets are \$10 each. There will be concessions available during the event.

Some tickets will be available for purchase the night of the event, Gilmore said; however, he said it is possible the ringside tickets could sell out prior to the event date since those are first come, first serve. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Elba High School football program.

Gilmore wanted to thank several event sponsors that have helped bring the wrestling event to Elba, including: ADC, Annie's Café, Bryan Pharmacy, City of Elba, Cook Chevrolet, Cutts Restaurant, Danny Lynn, Dorsey Trailer, EDSO, Guns R Us, H&H Tractor/Equipment, Lake Realty, Southern Tractor Company, Subway of Elba, Wayne Farms, Fulford Realty, Cotter Law Firm, Geneva County CoOp, PowerSouth, Williams Auto, National Security, Rusty's Feed and Seed, Son Exposure Christian Bookstore, Melissa Wood Accounting, and Bradshaw Pest Control.

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(southeastgas.com) and are due by March 10, 2023.

School systems impacted by the Southeast Gas Give Back to Schools initiative are: Andalusia City Schools, Butler County Schools, Coffee County Schools, Covington County Schools, Crenshaw County Schools, Dale County Schools, Daleville City Schools, Dothan City Schools, Elba City Schools, Enterprise City Schools, Eufaula City Schools, Henry County Schools, Houston County Schools, Lowndes County Schools, Opp City Schools, Ozark City Schools, Pike County Schools, Pike Road Schools, Russell County Schools and

Troy City Schools.

In addition to the direct financial support, Southeast Gas employees volunteer dozens of hours each year to improve many of the campuses through construction assistance, landscaping, painting, gas appliance maintenance, light carpentry, tutoring, mentoring and many other activities.

Southeast Gas provides natural gas service to 36 communities throughout Southeast Alabama, and is owned by 14 cities - Abbeville, Andalusia, Brundidge, Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Fort Deposit, Greenville, Headland, Luverne, Opp, Ozark and Troy.



The Elba branch of Troy Bank and Trust was celebrated during the month of February as the "Business of the Month" for the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Pictured above are Elba branch employees with the business of the month sign that was displayed at the TB&T building entrance throughout the month of February.

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### AGNES ERLENE GRANTHAM

Ms. Agnes Erlene Grantham, age 91, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, at Newbia Baptist Church, with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Agnes was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Gladys Marler. Survivors include her son: Kenneth Grantham, Elba; grandson: Neil (DeAnn) Grantham, Elba; granddaughter: Reese Grantham, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and great-granddaughter: Parrish Grantham, Elba.

### LAVERAL PRITCHETT

Mrs. Laverall Pritchett, age 90, of Leesburg, Ga., died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023.

She was born Sept. 19, 1932 in Coffee County, Ala. and lived there for 56 years. She moved to Dothan, Ala. in 1988 and resided there until 2012 when she relocated to Leesburg.

Laverall was employed as a seamstress for several years.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., in Sunset Funeral Home Chapel (Dothan, Ala.) with Rev. Tim Willis officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, Ala. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Leesburg United Methodist Church Building Fund, PO Box 207, Leesburg, GA 31763.

Laverall was preceded in death by her parents, Ellis and Barbara Wilson Adkins; her husband, Grover "Bill" Kelley; her son, Billy Kelley; her second husband, Elvin Pritchett; and her step grandson, Justin Childers.

Survivors include her son: Gary (Kathleen) Kelley; step daughters: Karla (Tim) Johnson, and Karan McDaniel; her grandchildren: Matthew Kelly and Amanda Kelly; her step grandchildren: Chris Morris, Kristie White, Amy Granberry, and Daniel Massey; along with her great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

### JOHNNY MACK COLE

Mr. Johnny Mack Cole of New Brockton, Ala. died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, at

Westside Terrace, Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at Springfield Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Johnny Mack was born April 23, 1940, to the late Vester and Flora McGowan Cole of New Brockton. Two siblings, John Earl and Charles, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his son: Vincent (Barbara), one granddaughter: Amy Floyd, one great-grandchild: Akiva Floyd, and his former wife, Ammie Jo Williams, all of Enterprise, Ala.; sister: Dorothy Holliday, San Antonio, Texas; one sister-in-law: Barbara Cole, New Brockton; one nephew: Kellen (Amber) Cole, Hendersonville, Tenn.; two nieces: Kendra Cole, Auburn, Ala., and Candee Moore, Enterprise; great nieces: Kinsley and Layla Cole, Hendersonville; Zharia Moore and Gabrielle Philon, Enterprise; great-niece: Isana Smith; along with his cousins, other relatives, and friends.

### MAY DORA WALKER

Mrs. May Dora Walker of Enterprise, Ala. died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home, Enterprise, directing.

May Dora Walker was born in Coffee County on March 5, 1951, to the late Willie Frank Johnson Sr. and Frankie Anna Lee Johnson. She received her formal education from Crossroads in Coffee County.

May Dora was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Wendell Jackson, Willie Frank Johnson, Willie Arthur Lee, Joann Johnson, and two siblings that passed away during birth, children: LeAnna Walker, Willie James Walker Jr., and Annette Walker.

Survivors include the love of her life: Willie James Walker Sr., Enterprise; four children: Nathaniel (Tammy) Johnson and Lisa Cade, both of Enterprise, Aretha (Jerome) McCray, Chancellor Ala., and Ashley (Tyrone) Cummings, Atlanta Ga.; 10 grandchildren: Jerome McCray Jr., Anastasia Foster (Shawn), Anthony Purvis, Nathaniel Poth, Talaina (Stedman) Burks, Katheleen (Eric) Hill, Sasha Cade (Jarvais), Adrain Smith (Celeste), Trevor Smith (Nina), Makala McCray, William Walker, Micheal Boswell and A'tyrhyana Cummings; a host of great-grandchildren: Na'ryah, Zaiyah, Zealyn, K'Myra, Quintarius, Craig, Tyler, Asaiah, Kobe, Lake; four siblings: Willie Pearl (Eddie) Moultry, Fort

Lauderdale, Fla., Willie (Mary) Bean, Dothan Ala., Ammie James (Joann) Johnson, Stuart, Fla., Willie James (Michelle) Johnson, Headland Ala., Tom (Pearl) Lee, Chicago, Ill.; along with a host of sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

### RUBY LEE

Ms. Ruby Lee of Elba died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, at Chautauqua Springs Health Center in Defuniak Springs, Fla.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Ms. Ruby Lee was born on July 28, 1958 to the late Harold and Annie Muri Lee. She attended Mulberry and Elba City Schools and graduated with the Class of 1977.

She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Harold and Annie Lee, her grandparents, Abe and Bernice Mincey, Jessie Mae Lee; four brothers, Harold Lee Jr., Manuel Lee, Robert A. Lee, John E. Lee; and two sisters, Emma M. Lee and Catherine Lee.

Survivors include one sister: Mary Ann Purvis, Fredericksburg Va.; a daughter: Natasha A. Brown; five grandchildren: Devonte, W-Kierstyn, Jaloni, Samone, Shanti and Jaylon; and one great-granddaughter: Taelynn A. Lee; two very special nieces: Karen Spurill and Ana Caldwell (Deona, Dylan, Yada), and her very special nephews: Cory, W-Shay Howe (Kinley, Camden), Cedric Howe (Shania Howe).

### STEVEN FOSTER

Mr. Steven Foster of New Brockton, Ala. died

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, in New Brockton.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, from the Coleman Funeral Home Chapel with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Steven was born in Opp, Ala. on August 20, 1969, to the late Bert and Sherrie Foster.

Steve graduated from New Brockton High School in May of 1987 and joined the United States Army in December, 1987. He honorably discharged years later.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Sherrie Foster; sisters, Janice Foster and Rosa Mary Walker; and brothers, Bert Foster Jr. and Don Foster; grandparents, Eddie Bell and Pearl Turner, Yank Foster and Mayreed Walton; six aunts, and four uncles.

Survivors include his daughter: Sherrie Foster; granddaughter: Sir'Nhya Townsend; three sisters: Michelle Foster and Stephanie (Terry) Adams, both of New Brockton; and Lannis (Clayton) Favors, Panama City, Fla.; two brothers: Johnny (Margaret) Foster, Level Plains, Ala.; Stanley Foster, New Brockton; six nieces: Devin Harbuck, Morgan Foster, Ashanti Foster, Ana Bella Adams, Tilina Foster, and Aquaneta Foster; seven nephews: Donnell Foster, Rashaun Foster, Demetrius Foster, Seneca Foster, Sheridan Foster, Courtney Foster, and Dontarius Adams; one aunt: Glenda Holloway, Enterprise, Ala.; special cousins, Megan Head, Stuffle Pruitt, and James Turner; and special friends, Billy Ray Harris and Greg Sowell; along with a host of other cousins and friends.

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 What Cremation Terms are Important to Know  
 -When a loved one dies, you're suddenly forced to make a lot of tough decisions about cremation, burial, and memorialization. One of the biggest challenges is mastering the terminology. Simply put, cremation entails a lot of "lingo" that you may be unfamiliar with.  
 For example, what's a columbarium? The columbarium is a structure, typically found in a cemetery or church setting, with different compartments or niches in it for placing urns. These structures serve as mausoleums and provide a way for you to give your loved one's cremated remains a final resting place.  
 Another term you might come across is cremains. It is simply a portmanteau of cremated remains, that is, the "ashes" produced in the cremation process.  
 Disposition is the act of placing cremains in their final resting place - whether that's in a cemetery, a memorial garden, or elsewhere. Entombment specifically refers to burial in a mausoleum. Finally, interment refers to a burial of cremated remains in the ground or a mausoleum. This is not to be confused with inurnment, which refers to the placement of cremated remains in an urn.  
 An urn is simply the container in which you place cremated remains. You might memorialize this urn in your home for a season, but most of the time the urn finds its final destination in a cemetery. One final term to know is niche, which refers to the place in a columbarium where you might place your loved one's urn.  
 Knowing some of these terms can help you feel more confident as you seek to make the best decisions for your loved one, or even when pre-planning your cremation and funeral. Contact a local funeral provider for additional assistance and guidance.  
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## CHURCH & LIFESTYLES



The Elba High School Class of 1966 Reunion was held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at the Elba Masonic Lodge. There were 27 class members plus guests in attendance as all started gathering at 10 a.m. for fellowship and food. A meal of barbecue, rice, slaw and potato salad was served, along with some desserts. Fun was enjoyed by all. Everyone missed the ones unable to attend but hope they can make it next February. Those pictured above include: (front, left to right) Elaine Miller Holt, Page Rowe DeVane, Martha Kendrick Daniels, Clevis Bowden Ammons, Sara Warr Strong, Lenore Anglin Tanner, Margaret Wilson, Judy Daniels Rhodes, and teacher Sylvia Jones Padgett; (middle row, left to right) Jackey Tindol, Harry Young, Kenneth Baker, Loretta Ellenburg Wilson, and Janice Davis McCall; (back row, left to right) Jerry Brown, Roger Dale Boothe, Tommy Boothe, David Blackmon; Randy Ross, Jerome Blackmon, Eddie Thompson, Butch Oggs, Lewey Stephens, Neal Hutto, Terry Calhoun, Merrill Shirley, and Bobby Edmondson.

### Paul & Gabriel Jackson release book on Christian parenting

A midwest publisher has recently released a new book by a father/son team of authors entitled "Coaching by Dad: Discover your influence, raise Jesus followers, and build lasting legacy one quarter at a time."

Paul Jackson, pastor of Elba's Covenant Community Church, draws from decades of life experience in the role of a father and pastor, sharing practical insights and wisdom that dads can instantly apply. The book targets dads, young and old, who aim to forge a deeper connection with their children.

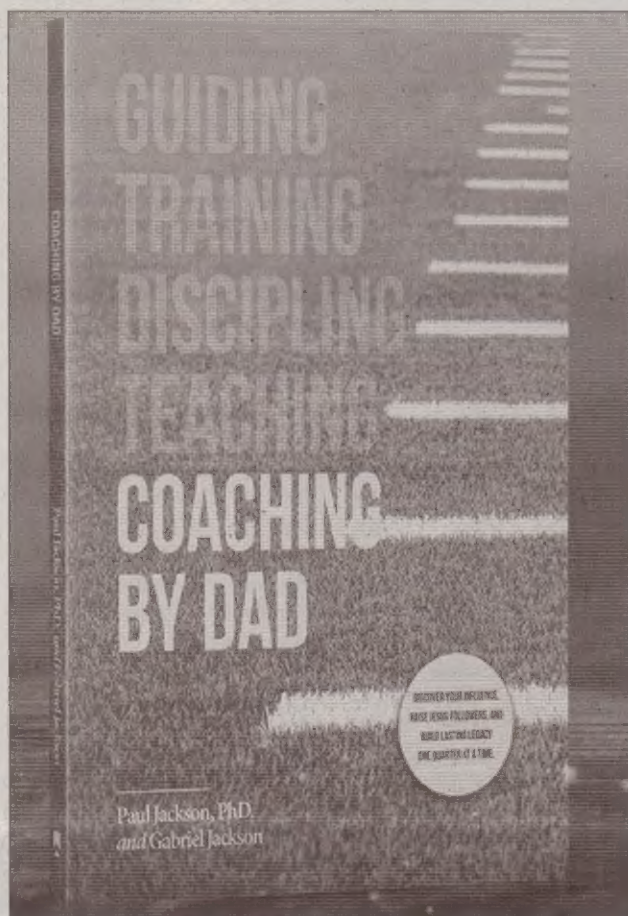
Accompanying each chapter are reflection questions spurring engagement from the reader.

The book is co-authored by Paul's son, Gabriel Jackson.

"Paul and Gabe offer wise counsel on how to help your kids thrive emotionally and spiritually," says Focus on the Family president Jim Daly.

Pat Williams, co-founder of the Orlando Magic, adds, "Honest and thoroughly biblical. I could not recommend this book more highly."

The book is a one-of-a-kind toolkit, designed to demonstrate the ups and



Coaching by Dad is the Jackson's first book

downs of parenthood with transparency and vulnerability. Published by Tall Pine Books, the title is available on Amazon for purchase in hardcover, paperback, and eBook formats. It

also is available in Elba at LillieAnne's and Sonshine bookstore. Paul can be reached through the CBD website: [www.coaching-bydad.com](http://www.coaching-bydad.com) or at Covenant Community Church, Elba, Ala.

### Elba Senior Citizens Center and SARCOA bringing BINGOize® for seniors to Elba

The Elba Senior Citizen Center, located at 304 Factory Street, will begin hosting BINGOize® each Monday and Wednesday starting Monday, March 6th!

This is a six-week health promotion program for seniors that combines the game of BINGO with exercise. All are invited to come play and meet new people while learning about techniques to reduce the rise of COVID-19.

BINGOize® is for all seniors age 60 and older, and participants do not have to be a member at the Elba Senior Center to

join the program. To sign up, call Donna Falls, Elba Senior Center director, at (334) 897-3019.

This program is being offered jointly by the Elba Senior Center and SARCOA.

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### Round and About With Eria's Daughter 897-3611



**Scripture:** A Prayer of Faith in Time of Distress. Psalm 6: 1-10

#### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Subway employees, Rushie Culver, Albert Walker, Gladys Wright, Min. Randy Miller, Shelia Magwood, Robyn Patterson, Brandon Kelley

#### March Birthdays / Anniversaries

Mark Whitfield 3/16  
Jimmy/Samella T. Edwards 3/18 W.A.  
Devin Luckett 3/21  
Chance Goosby 3/21  
Terrence Kyles 3/21  
Jessie M. Coleman 3/21 (in memory)  
Winzell Gray 3/22 (in memory)  
Min. Joe Smith Jr. 3/22  
Stephanie Chism 3/22  
Mark Harris 3/23  
Susan Nunn Marler 3/23  
Rory Vignola 3/23

#### Receiving Mercy, Extending Mercy

When a drug deal went bad, Bob's brother was killed by a guy named Harvey, whom Bob and his brother had known well. Vowing revenge, Bob went on the hunt for Harvey but lost track of him. Then Bob himself got into trouble with the law and went to jail. Lo and behold, Harvey ended up in the same prison. Although by then Bob had come to Christ and let go of his vow of revenge, he still could not fully forgive. One day, in a common area for inmates, Harvey timidly asked Bob for mercy. Bob, now a forgiven man in Christ, was finally able

to extend that mercy to his brother's killer.

Imagine our heavenly King's delight when Bob forgave his brother's penitent killer. These days, Bob and Harvey attend worship service together every week. Even in the most difficult of circumstances, through the power of the Holy Spirit we can find the ability to forgive our offenders – to extend the same mercy to them that God generously offered to us. – D.S.

#### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 3/2/23

True or False

Q: Some Pharisees circumvented the command to honor parents.

A: True [Matthew 15: 4-6]

Q: A man in Jesus' Parable was forgiven a debt but refused to forgive another's debt of the same amount.

A: True [Matthew 18: 23-30]

#### Thought to Remember

We are rewarded not for running the race but for finishing it.

#### Questions for the Week of 3/9/23

True or False

Q: The parable of the unjust judge teaches that we should always pray.

Q: Jesus said everyone who seeks to enter the gate of God's Kingdom will be able to.

Q: One invited guest said he couldn't come because he had just got married.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

### Military Support Group Meetings:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

### Elba Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday,  
March 4, 2023  
6-10 a.m.**

National Security Group  
Conference Center

Dine In or Takeout



The Elba High School Class of 1972 recently made a \$500 donation to the Elba High School Alumni Association to assist with funding scholarships and other needs at Elba City Schools. Linda Hodge (left), president of the Elba High School Alumni Association, accepted the donation check from members of the Class of '72, including Joe Prior, Jane Nicholson, Joey Daniels, and Gwen Mullinax. Hodge thanked the class members for their generous donation, and she said it is donations like this that allow the Elba High School Alumni Association to continue to meet the needs of Elba City Schools as they arise.

### Harris speaks to John Coffee DAR members

Sheila Harris, director of the Enterprise Public Library, was a recent speaker at the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution John Coffee Chapter on what is currently available at the library.

The Enterprise Public Library serves a new legal service area of 44,360 residents of Enterprise and Coffee County and for the period Oct-Dec 2022, checked out 8,127 items, which included printed books, audios, DVDs, video game and launchpads. During this quarter, there were 12,921 in-person visits, 235 new cardholders (32,330 total cardholders), 1,276 computer logins, 71 notarizations, 4 proctor exams, Bookmobile outreach to Madison Heights, Kelly Place and Hillcrest Elementary and made many copies for patrons gleaning \$1,855 for the library fund.

Harris and her staff have more than lived up to their mission statement, "...to promote free and open access to information, materials and services to all members of the community, inspire lifelong learning and creativ-



Sheila Harris (left) and John Coffee DAR Regent Jacque Hawkins (right)

ity, advance knowledge, while enhancing the quality of life for residents of Coffee County." They provide one-on-one assistance to individuals who may be having issues with their cell phone or computers.

Contact the library at 334-347-2636 for an appointment for assistance with a device. Visit them at 101 E. Grubbs Street and see all the improvements and amenities that have been made.



# ELBA SCHOOL NEWS

## Faculty Spotlight

by Heidi Smith and Emily Mosley

How many years have you been teaching? I have been teaching for 7 years.

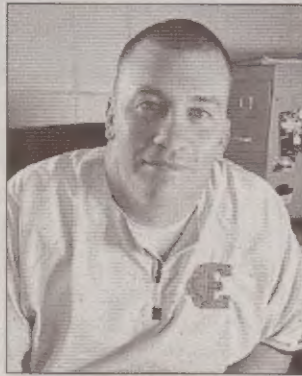
Where did you go to college? University of Mobile and the University of West Alabama.

What is your degree? Master's Degree in History Education

Tell us about your family: I have a beautiful wife named Megan and we have two sons together. (Grayson/4 years old) (Braxton/1 year old)

What do you love about EHS? I love the kids. I love building relationships with my students and helping them to be their best. I also enjoy working at a school where the town is involved and works hard to provide for all students.

What do you like to do in your free time? In my free time I like to play with my two boys and spend time with them.



**Jesse Luker**  
7th & 8th Grade History

What is the most rewarding part of your job? Watching students enjoy being in my classroom. Watching students enjoy and have fun learning.



Local area students are shown listening to a guest speaker during the ACT Bootcamp workshop held Monday, Feb. 20, at Enterprise State Community College.

## ACT Bootcamp Workshop held recently at ESCC

by Rachel Brunson, Ivy Myrick & Rebekah Duncan

On Monday, Feb. 20, approximately 20 students from area schools went to an ACT Bootcamp at Enterprise State Community College (ESCC), including some students from Elba High School.

The event was sponsored by TRIO Educational Talent Research. The ACT Bootcamp was to prepare students for their ACT test.

A guest speaker came and spoke with the students about different ways to help prepare for the ACT as well as doing well while taking it. The students received free ACT prep workbooks, which they worked on using the different strategies they were taught.

Overall it was a great experience.

The Elba students in attendance said they believe the speaker's strategies may help them, as well as the other students on the ACT.

## Student Spotlight

by Ty Sieving and Conner Herrington



**Keaton Poole**  
Junior, Age 17

What do you love about EHS? The atmosphere along with the staff.

What do you like to do in your free time? I like to work out, play video games, go for drives, and listen to music.

What clubs & organizations are you involved in at EHS? I'm involved in football, band, and senior beta.

What are your plans for the future? I plan to attend college where I will go into physical therapy.

What is your favorite subject in school? My favorite subject is History because Coach Gilmore really gets into the lessons and makes the work collegiate level.



Students and faculty at Elba High School donated 37 units of blood during the Feb. 14th blood drive held at the school. Among the donors was (from left) student Ivy Myrick, teacher Shelia Johnson, and students/sisters Danielle and Destinee Tidwell.

## Just under 40 units of blood donated during Feb. 14th blood drive at Elba High School

by Izaiah Johnson and Sean Oates

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, Elba High School's HOSA organization, in conjunction with LifeSouth, held a blood drive.

The blood drive was a huge success as students and faculty members from both the high school and elementary school donated 37 units of blood.

"I was very touched at the number of students that donated. My heart was so full with the generosity and servant hearts of our students," health sciences teacher and HOSA advisor Starla Amison said. "I can't think of a better gift to give on Valentine's Day than the gift of life."

EHS sophomore Ivy Myrick was happy to donate blood.

"I knew donating blood was the right thing to do and I have always wanted to make a difference," she said. "I would do it again because it could help save someone's life."

An estimated 75 percent of students who gave blood were first time donors. EHS students who donate blood four times prior to graduation will receive a special cord to wear at graduation.



This group of young ladies were part of the crowd that gathered outside the Elba High School gymnasium Sunday afternoon, March 26, to cheer on the Elba Lady Tigers as they departed for Birmingham to compete in the Alabama High School Athletic Association's State Basketball Tournament. The Elba Lady Tigers made it to the "Final 4" for Class 1A in girls basketball this season.

## Student-Athlete Spotlight

by Jacob Ledbetter and Jayce Jones

What sports do you play at EHS and for how long? I play football, baseball and basketball. I have been playing sports for EHS for 3 years.

What is your favorite part of being on a team at EHS? I like being around my friends and competing.

What is some advice you would give to younger players? Always listen to your coaches and work hard.

Who is your role model and why? Mike Trout because he is a hard worker and plays the game with all he has.

What are your plans



**Ty Sieving**  
Junior, age 16

for the future? After high school I plan to attend college and pursue a degree in agriculture.

## Band Member Spotlight

by Jonas Magana & Keaton Poole

Instrument/Section: Trombone/Danceline/Drum Major

How long have you been in the band? Since 5th grade, 7 years total.

What is your best memory from your time in the band? Receiving all 1's at every band contest and competition after many hard days/nights during band camp and practices.

What is some advice you would give to younger band members? Keep trying and don't give up on your dreams.

Who is your role model/who inspires you and why? Mrs. Starla Amison, she has taught me different life lessons and skills throughout many years of being a family friend and teacher.

What are your plans for



**Faith Adcock**  
Senior, Age 17

the future? Attend LBW Community College at MacArthur Campus in Opp, and pursue an Associate's Degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. I plan to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology as an ultrasound technician.

## ELBA Neighborhood Job Fair

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Elba High School

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## Support Our Schools!

### Online registration for Elba's FIRST Class Pre-K program underway

Pre-Registration is underway for the FIRST CLASS PRE-K, Alabama Voluntary Pre-K Program at Elba City Schools for the 2023-2024 school year.

Online pre-registrations are being accepted until March 23, 2023. Enrollment is open to all children four years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2023. Children who are eligible for kindergarten are not eligible for Pre-K.

Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of residence - either a current utility bill or a copy of a lease or mortgage. Public school system Pre-K programs have zoning requirements that determine eligibility for attending a program at a particular school.

There is no registration fee.

Upon enrollment, a child's immunization record must be provided to the school or program. No child will be denied participation on basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

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- **Fourth** - Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

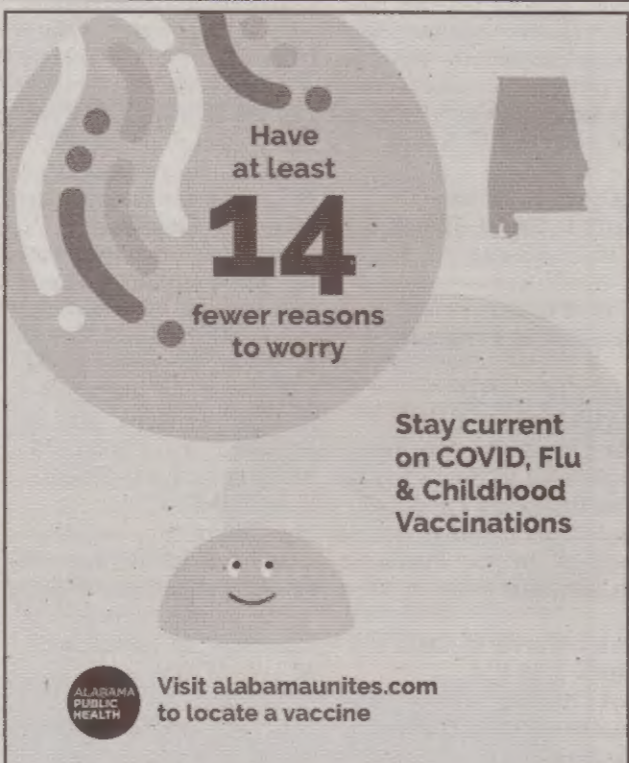
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## Rumble on the River Wrestling Event

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THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

For second journey of season on Alabama BASS Nation High School Trail Tiger Division

## Zion Chapel Bass Team enjoys good day on Lake Eufaula

Although the water was rough, the wind was cold, and the rain was nonstop, these rigid conditions did not stop team Avery Padgett/Ethan Young of the Zion Chapel Bass Team and their trusty boat captain, Taylor Renfro. In other words, February 11, 2023, on Lake Eufaula, was a tough day but rewarding day.

This was the second tournament of this season on the Alabama BASS Nation High School Trail Tiger Division for the Zion Chapel Team.

As Avery Padgett put it, "Eufaula was good to us again! While getting beat to

death by waves and getting pelted by rain from blast off until weigh-in time, we managed to get five in the boat."

Team Padgett/Young weighed in 16.92 pounds and placed fifth out of 110 boats. Only 14 teams managed to catch their limit, and only 78 teams out of 110 weighed in. This scenario tells the story of a rough day on the water, but it also depicts the dedication of these young anglers.

In the big fish competition, Padgett/Young placed third with their largest fish weighing 5.53 pounds; the first-place fish weighed 6.03 pounds. Congrats to



Ethan Young and Avery Padgett, center, accept their \$1,000 Freedom Marine Center Contingency check. This was the seventh consecutive time for the team to win this award.



ZC anglers Ethan Young and Avery Padgett and their boat captain Taylor Renfro with the five fish that vaulted the team to a fifth place finish Feb. 11th on Lake Eufaula.

G. W. Long for winning the big fish award.

Team Padgett/Young also won the Freedom Marine Center Contingency money (\$1,000) for the seventh consecutive time. They give a big shoutout to Kenneth Chambers for afford-

ing them this opportunity.

The next stop for Team Padgett/Young was the BASSMASTER High School Open on Lay Lake, February 25, 2023. Over 300 teams from across the United States registered for this big event.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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IN THE PROBATE  
COURT FOR COFFEE  
COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN RE: The Estate of  
Hubert F. Barbaree,  
Deceased

Probate Case No. P.C.  
2022-26

NOTICE OF  
APPOINTMENT TO  
BE PUBLISHED BY  
EXECUTOR

Letters of Testamentary under the Will of said deceased having been granted to Pamela G. Barbaree as Executrix of the Estate of Hubert F. Barbaree on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023 by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson, Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge 2/16,23&3/2-pd

IN THE PROBATE  
COURT OF COFFEE  
COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
ANNIE LEE SHAW,  
deceased

CASE NO. PC-2022-083

NOTICE OF  
APPOINTMENT TO  
BE PUBLISHED BY  
EXECUTRIX

Letters Testamentary under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to Betty L. Shiver, on the 14th of February, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Betty L. Shiver  
Betty L. Shiver, Executrix  
2/16,23-3/2-chg

City of Elba  
Request for Proposal

RECEIPT AND  
OPENING OF BIDS

The City of Elba (Purchaser) request bid proposals for the specified Loose Firefighting Equipment Package to be received by the Purchaser no later than:

Date: March 15, 2023  
Time: 2:00 PM

Bid Opening will be conducted at the following location:

Elba City Hall  
200 Buford Street  
Elba, AL 36323

### METHOD OF BIDDING

The Purchaser request bid proposals for a Loose Firefighting Equipment Package. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, bearing on the outside the name and address of the CONTRACTOR and the words:

"Elba FD - SEALED BID FOR Loose Firefighting Equipment Package"

If forwarded by carrier, the sealed envelope must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to: Elba Volunteer Fire Department c/o Sally Bane 200 Buford Street Elba, AL 36323

If you have any questions contact: Drew Parker, at 334-447-5419 or elbafdc-hief@outlook.com 3/2&9-chg

NOTICE OF FINDING  
OF NO SIGNIFICANT  
IMPACT AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
REQUEST RELEASE OF  
FUNDS

March 2, 2023  
City of Elba  
200 Buford Street  
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(334) 897-2333

TO ALL INTERESTED  
AGENCIES, GROUPS  
AND PERSONS:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Elba.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS  
On or about March 20, 2023 the City of Elba will submit a request to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as Elba Streets and Drainage Improvements for the purpose of street and drainage improvements along Jackson Street, Thomas Street, Reynolds Street, Lee Street and Jones Street in Elba, Alabama with an estimated cost of \$605,175.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
The City of Elba has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional

project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Elba City Hall located at 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 AM to 4 PM.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Elba. All comments received by March 17, 2023 will be considered by the City of Elba prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Elba certifies to ADECA that Tom Maddox in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. ADECA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Elba to use Program Funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

ADECA will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Elba's certification for a period of 15-days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or the City of Elba; (b) the City of Elba has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of a Release of Funds by ADECA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the State at: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Community and Economic Development Division, PO Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36130. Potential objectors should contact ADECA to verify the actual last day of

the objection period.

Tom Maddox  
Mayor  
City of Elba  
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IN THE PROBATE COURT  
FOR  
COFFEE COUNTY,  
ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Robbie Ruth Hudson,  
Deceased.

Case No.: PC-2023-009

NOTICE OF PROBATE  
OF WILL

TO: Kala R. Hudson

Notice is hereby given that on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023 came Keith R. Hudson, as Executor of the Estate of Robbie Ruth Hudson, deceased, and filed his petition for probate of a certain writing, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Robbie Ruth Hudson, and for Letters Testamentary. It is ORDERED that the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, be and the same hereby is, appointed as the day for the hearing of the said Petition at 9:00 o'clock A.M., at which time you may appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

WITNESS my hand this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson,  
Probate Judge  
3/2,9&16-pd.

IN THE PROBATE  
COURT FOR COFFEE  
COUNTY, ALABAMA  
Elba Division

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
MARJORIE L.  
MORROW,  
Deceased.

Case No.: PC-2020-028

NOTICE  
YOU WILL TAKE  
NOTICE that James F. Morrow, Jr., as Conservator of the Estate of MARJORIE L. MORROW, deceased, filed for his account and vouchers for the final settlement of said Estate on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2023, and that the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. has been appointed to hear said settlement.

DONE THIS THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.  
/s/ Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. JODEE R. THOMPSON  
Probate Judge  
Coffee County, Alabama  
3/2,9&16-pd.

## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson has had to do some extra class work at home due to a couple of 'E Learning' days and while he did sit down and make sure he did what was expected, he wasn't able to complete his lessons because he forgot the password to get into one subject. Years back students used excuses like they lost their homework or the dog tore it up, but forgetting a password is one that everyone has to believe since we have all forgotten how to get into various sites on the computer because of those dreaded passwords that we forgot.

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers punched their ticket to the State Basketball Tournament for the second time in four years last week and have made it known all across the state that girls' basketball is a winning program at Elba High. Back three years ago the team was filled with inside players, including two girls over six-feet tall, and played a power game to wear out its opponents, while this season the team is filled with young players that can run up and down the court for all four quarters, love to play defense and wear down their opponents making them play a full court game. Two very different teams with the same success proves that the program is solid and should be around for years to come. Before leaving the basketball court, I agree that A'Lyric Whitfield was an easy choice for region MVP and that Ana Caldwell was deserving of being on the all-tournament team, but a player who played as hard as anyone on the court and should have been named to the all-tournament team was Yada Caldwell. The Lady Tiger senior was a force inside in both wins, grabbed a ton of rebounds, scored some big baskets and hit some key free throws in crucial situations. I think all the Elba girls deserved special recognition for their play, but Yada was special.

\*\*\* The high school baseball season is underway and it hasn't been the start the Elba Tigers had hoped for as they have lost their first three games and in the process have given up 50 runs. Elba has always been a perennial slow starter on the baseball field and there is a long way to go, but I know the coaches have to be scratching their heads and looking at the line-up card hunting for the right combination to turn things around. I have seen it before and know the slow start has been hard to watch, but I know the players and coaches and know they will work things out real soon and start hanging some wins on their side of the scoreboard sooner than many may believe. The Elba JV Tigers are also off to slow start, but like the varsity have enough talent to win their share of games and I'm sure in the weeks to come they will get to celebrate after a bunch of wins.

\*\*\* It has been somewhat of a slow start around the area in both baseball and softball, but most of the teams did get on the field last week and gave us a preview of things to come. On the baseball field, New Brockton shook off a slow start to get two wins over Zion Chapel and appears ready for a solid season, while the Rebels are also a very good team and will be a team to watch in the 2A ranks. Kinston picked up its first win of the season and has way too much talent not to be a factor in the 1A race. Over on the softball field, Kinston picked up a big win over 5A Charles Henderson and appear just as good as ever, while Zion Chapel clobbered 3A Straughn and appears ready to take off, and there is no doubt New Brockton will overcome its slow start and be one of the top teams in 3A before long. Yep, it's going to be a fun spring to watch baseball and softball from our lawn chairs.

\*\*\* In an effort to shorten football games, the NCAA is considering four rule changes that would take place next season. The proposed changes include (1) prohibiting consecutive time outs, (2) No longer extending the first or third quarter for an untimed down on a defensive penalty on the last play of the quarter, (3) to continue to run the clock after a first down except the final two minutes of the half, (4) run the clock after an incomplete pass after the ball is spotted for play. I really see no harm in any of the proposed rules, but the easiest way to speed up a game is to stop having so many commercials that turn one hour games on the clock to four hour games on the TV!

\*\*\* In closing.... There is still no final word on the future of Bally Sports, the TV network that televises the Atlanta Braves baseball games, but the last thing I read was that it looks like Major League Baseball could step in and televise the games on the MLB Network, which is a pay network and will require all us Braves fans to anti-up a monthly check to watch the games. I guess if being a subscriber will give me access to all the games in both leagues I may very well join, but if not, just more reruns of Gunsmoke and old movies. Where is Ted Turner and his networks when you need them!

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ELBA LADY TIGERS - 2023 CLASS 1A SOUTH REGION CHAMPIONS

## Lady Tigers win South region

The Elba Lady Tigers hit on six of eight free throws in the final two minutes of the game to spark a 10-0 closing run as they rallied to defeat Red Level 55-50, to claim the championship of the Class 1A, South Region Basketball Tournament, in Montgomery.

Elba jumped out to an early 4-1 lead behind the scoring of Yada Caldwell and A'Lyric Whitfield and was still on top 8-6 with 3:01 left in the opening quarter after a Whitfield basket, but Red Level closed the stanza on a 4-1 run to carry a 10-9 lead into the second quarter. Red Level stretched its lead to 15-9 early in the quarter, but the Lady Tigers battled back and pulled even at

19-19 when Kendra Juarez scored from inside. A basket by Ana Caldwell gave Elba a 21-19 lead with seconds left. However, Red Level hit a long three-pointer just before the buzzer as it carried a 22-21 lead in at intermission.

Elba caught Red Level at 28-28 early in the third quarter on a layup by A'Lyric Whitfield and moved on top 31-28 with 1:59 left in the quarter as Whitfield continued to find her way to the basket. Red Level refused to go away; however, and hit another three-pointer at the buzzer to take a 36-34 lead with eight minutes remaining.

The two teams swapped baskets in the early minutes of the fourth quarter and

Elba pulled even at 45-45 with 4:49 left on a three-point play by Ny'Asia McCollough, only to see Red Level go on a 5-0 run to take a 50-45 lead with 4:11 left on the clock. The Lady Tiger defense never backed down in the closing minutes as it shut out Red Level for the final four minutes of the game, while Elba hit on six of eight free throws in the final two minutes and closed the game with a 10-0 rally to claim the region

championship 50-45.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Elba, while Yada Caldwell added 10 points, Ny'Asia McCollough added 9 points, Ana Caldwell scored 6 points and pulled down 17 rebounds, Alayvia Stinson scored 3 points and Kendra Juarez added 2 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Elizabeth Cross scored 20 points, grabbed 5 rebounds and handed out 4 assists to lead Red Level.

## Brantley ousted at South region by area foe Florala

The Brantley Bulldogs saw their road back to the 'Final Four' hit a dead-end Thursday afternoon with a hard fought 58-46 loss to the Florala Wildcats, in the championship game of the Class 1A South Region Basketball Tournament, in Montgomery. The Bulldogs had advanced to the region finals with a 45-38 semifinal win over McIntosh, but never found their range in the title clash as they hit only 15 of 56 shots from the floor, were 3 for 20 from behind the arc and hit 13 of 22 free throws.

Following is a recap of the two South Region games:

**Brantley 45 McIntosh 38**  
The Brantley Bulldogs used a 21-3 second quarter rally to overcome a slow start and rolled to a 45-38 win over the McIntosh Demons, last Monday night in the semifinal round of the Class 1A South Region Tournament.

Brantley went almost six minutes without a point in the first quarter until Jon Kilcrease nailed a three-pointer with 2:04 left, but trailed only 5-3 after eight minutes of frustration and then began to play 'Bulldog basketball' in the second quarter as Jayden Parks scored six points to spark a 10-0 run that put the Bulldogs on top 13-5 with 3:19 left on the clock. McIntosh scored its only points of the stanza with 3:05 left on a three-pointer, while the Bulldogs never slowed down and led by Keldric Brown and a late four-point play on a three-pointer and a free throw by Kilcrease, carried a lopsided 24-8 lead in at intermission.

Brantley pushed its lead to 28-8 with 5:03 remaining in the third quarter as a Keldric Brown put back, and remained in command throughout the stanza as the Bulldogs carried a big 34-18 lead into the final stanza. Brown sparked an early 6-0 Brantley run to open the fourth quarter as the lead grew to 39-21, and the Bulldogs hit four free throws late to turn back a rally and claimed the

45-38 win.

Keldric Brown scored 18 points and pulled down 6 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Jayden Parks scored 13 points, Jon Kilcrease added 7 points, Daylan Davis scored 3 points, Robert Shine scored 2 points and pulled down 6 rebounds, and Janyles Tyson added 2 points.

**Florala 58 Brantley 46**  
The Brantley Bulldogs fell behind in the first quarter and saw a gallant second half rally fall short in a disappointing 58-46 loss to the Florala Wildcats, in the region finals, Thursday afternoon.

Brantley jumped out to an early 4-2 lead behind the scoring of Jayden Parks, only to see Florala respond with a 14-4 run to close the first quarter as the Wildcats carried a 16-8 lead into quarter number two. The Bulldogs closed to within 16-12 early in the quarter on a basket by Janyles Tyson, but Florala again had an answer for the Bulldog rally and used a 12-2 run to stretch its lead to 28-14 with 1:27 left in the half, and went in at intermission with a 32-19 advantage.

The Bulldogs trailed 38-24 with 3:34 remaining in the third quarter, but came to life behind the play of Keldric Brown and Daylan Davis and closed the stanza with a 6-0 run to head into the final stanza trailing only 38-30. Brantley was within 40-34 with 6:41 remaining after a basket by Brown. However, Florala quickly extended its lead back out to ten points at 44-34 and the closest the Bulldogs could get the remainder of the stanza was eight points, as the Wildcats never lost control and handed Brantley the 58-46 loss.

Jayden Parks scored 17 points and Keldric Brown added 16 points and 9 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Robert Shine scored 4 points, Jon Kilcrease and Daylan Davis added 3 points, apiece, Janyles Tyson added 2 points and Kendrick Welch scored 1 point.



South Region MVP A'Lyric Whitfield (10) drives to the basket in region win over Leroy.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

## Elba eliminates Leroy in region opener 52-50

The Elba Lady Tigers had to fight for all thirty-two minutes to claim an exciting 52-50 win over the Leroy Lady Bears, last Monday night in the Class 1A South Region semifinals, in a game that was marred by 66 turnovers, 52 free throws and 42 fouls.

Elba jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on a put back by Kendra Juarez, but never found its stride on offense and trailed 9-6 after one quarter of play. Tajah Purvis sparked a 6-0 run early in the second quarter to help the Lady Tigers take a 12-9 lead, and when Juarez scored from inside with 1:16 left in the half the lead was up to 22-17. Leroy pulled within three points with less than a minute left on the clock. However, Elba's Tajah Purvis scored three points in the closing 34 seconds as the Lady Tigers carried a 25-19 advantage into intermission.

Elba extended its lead to 26-19 early in the third quarter on a Purvis free throw, and appeared to take command when a Yada Caldwell put back sparked a 6-0 run that pushed the Lady Tigers lead to 34-24 with 4:52 remaining in the stanza. Leroy answered the run with a 9-0 rally to cut the Elba lead to 34-33, but Elba regained command

and when A'Lyric Whitfield scored with 15 seconds left on the clock the Lady Tigers were back in charge with a 40-33 lead.

Elba went almost four minutes without scoring in the fourth quarter, and Leroy took advantage of the scoring drought to take a 42-40 lead with less than five minutes left in the game. A'Lyric Whitfield and Ana Caldwell combined for six points midway through the stanza to put the Lady Tigers back on top 46-42 with 2:45 remaining, but Leroy refused to go away and with only 55 seconds left on the clock pulled even at 48-48. A'Lyric Whitfield hit her only three-pointer of the game with 24 seconds left to give Elba a 51-48 lead, and the Lady Tigers held on to survive and move on with the 52-50 win.

Elba, which scored 25 points off turnovers, was led by A'Lyric Whitfield with 18 points, while Tajah Purvis and Ana Caldwell both scored 8 points, Kendra Juarez scored 6 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, Yada Caldwell scored 4 points pulled down 9 rebounds, and Brooke Tinsley, Ayrika Caldwell, Alayvia Stinson and Ny'Asia McCollough all scored 2 points. Chauncey Dixon scored 25 points and pulled down 25 points to lead Leroy.

SPORTS NEWS

Baseball - Softball

SCOREBOARD

Statistics by GAMECHNGER

Tigers struggle in season openers

The Elba Tigers opened the baseball season last week with three road games and found life on the road to be challenging as they lost to Samson 20-16, Geneva 11-1 and Luverne 19-6.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

Samson 20 Elba 16

The Elba Tigers opened their season with a wild 20-16 road loss to Samson. The Tigers jumped out to an earl 8-0 lead, but saw the early lead vanish in a game that included 20 hits, 8 errors and 30 walks. Brady Johnson had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead Elba, while Ty Sieving and Easton McKelvy both added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Brayden Johnson added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi.

Geneva 11 Elba 1

The Elba Tigers fell behind 5-0 early and never recovered in an 11-1 loss to Geneva. Brady Johnson and Ty Sieving both had 1 hit to lead the Tigers, while Cameron Gray scored 1 run. Cayden Adkins and Cameron Gray combined to pitch four innings and allowed four earned runs on six hits, while striking out six.

Luverne 19 Elba 6

The Elba Tigers saw an early 3-0 lead vanish quickly in a 19-6 loss to Luverne. Brady Johnson had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Tigers, while Ty Sieving added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Easton McKelvy added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Brayden Johnson added 1 hit. Four Elba pitchers combined to throw four innings and allowed nine earned runs on nine hits and thirteen walks.

Joseph LeGear added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

New Brockton 12 Zion Chapel 0

New Brockton scored in every inning and pitcher Josh Gutierrez tossed a five inning no-hitter as the Gamecocks blanked Zion. Chapel 12-0 to complete a two-game sweep. Riley Simmons had 3 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Jaxon Whitworth added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Colton McClenney and Baylon Foster both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and Dawson Peacock added 1 hit and scoffed 3 runs. Gutierrez pitched a five-inning gem with nine strikeouts. Two Rebel pitchers allowed eleven earned runs on eight hits and nine walks.

BASEBALL – JUNIOR VARSITY:

New Brockton 5 Opp 2

The New Brockton Gamecocks used a three run fourth inning to grab the lead and held on to post a 5-2 win over Opp. David Peacock had 1 hit and scoffed 2 runs to lead the Gamecocks, while William Adkison added 1 hit and 1 rbi, Bryant Crumpler added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Colton Starling added 1 hit. Griffin Wood was the winning pitcher as he tossed a four inning three hitter with four strikeouts.

New Brockton 3 Opp 2

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored three runs in the bottom of the third inning to take the lead in a 3-2 win over Opp. Kylen Radcliffe had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Hayden Brock added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Caleb Ennis added 1 hit and scored 1 run, David Peacock was the winning pitcher as he tossed two and two-thirds innings and allowed one hit, while striking out four.

New Brockton 5 Carroll 5

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored one run in their final at-bat to pull even in a 5-5 tie with the Carroll Eagles. Gavin Hand had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks, while Bryant Crumpler added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Cade Kirkland added 1 hit.

Zion Chapel 5 New Brockton 5

The Zion Chapel Rebels rallied from an early 4-2 deficit to pull into a 5-5 tie with the Ne Brockton Gamecocks. Brayden Benbow had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Trent Elrod added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Macon Allen added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Jonathan Douglas and Dylan Davis combined to pitch five innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits, while recording eight strikeouts. Kylen Radcliffe had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Griffin Wood added 1 hit and 1 rbi and Brayden Crumpler added 1 hit. Cooper Medley and Colton Cain combined to pitch five innings and allowed one earned run on five hits, with seven strikeouts.

New Brockton 3 Zion Chapel 3

The New Brockton Gamecocks and Zion Chapel Rebels saw a second meeting in two days end in a tie as the county rivals battled to a 3-3 deadlock. New Brockton, which failed to get a hit in the game, jumped ahead 2-0 early, only to see Zion Chapel rally to pull even. David Peacock, Cayden Wallace, Kylen Radcliffe and Griffin Wood all scored 1 run for the Gamecocks, while Kylen Radcliffe, Griffin Wood and David Peacock combined to pitch five innings and allowed one earned run on lone hit and nine walks, while striking out three. Trent Elrod had 1 hit to lead the Rebels, while Jonathan Douglas, Macon Allen and David Pynes all scored 1 run, David Pynes and Trent Elrod combined to pitch five innings and allowed no earned runs on no hits and one walk, with seven strikeouts.

SOFTBALL – VARSITY

Slocomb 5 Zion Chapel 0

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels managed only one baserunner in a 5-0 season opening loss to Slocomb. Madison Meeks reached base on an error and was the only Lady Rebel to get on base, while Sydney Boothe was the hard luck loser inside the circle as she pitched seven innings, allowed two earned runs on five hits and recorded 10 strikeouts.

Kinston 19 Emmanuel Christian 4

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs needed only three innings to get a 19-4 season opening win over Emmanuel Christian. Lilli Sumblin had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Cameran Whigham added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Cadence Elmore, Brynne Kelley and Bella Lashley all added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Camdyn Norris added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's.

Zion Chapel 10 Straughn 0

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels made it look easy in a dominating 10-0 win over Straughn. Kaylee Hodge had 3 hits and 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Emily Rhodes added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Madison Meeks added 2 hits and scored 1 run; and, Sydney Boothe and Riley Bannin both added 1 hit and had 1 rbi. Riley Bannin was the winning pitcher as she tossed a six-inning one-hit shutout with 10 strikeouts.

Kinston 12 Charles Henderson 10

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs scored five runs in their

Elba JV stumbles in season openers

The Elba Tigers junior varsity opened their season last week with a busy schedule and never got on track as they lost to Samson 14-3, Geneva 10-0 and Luverne 12-2.

Following is a recap of last week's baseball action:

Samson 14 Elba 3

The Elba Tigers saw an early 1-0 lead evaporate in a 14-3 road loss to Samson. Dylan Holley had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead the Tigers, while Dywys Reynolds added 1 hit and 1 rbi and Matthew McCart added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Geneva 10 Elba 0

The Elba Tigers failed to get a hit in a 10-0 loss to Geneva. Cole Shehee drew a base on balls to break up a perfect game attempt, while Dywys Reynolds, Cole Shehee and Levi Martin combined to pitch two and one-third innings and allowed three earned runs on three hits and seven walks.

Luverne 12 Elba 2

The Elba Tigers kept it close early, but then couldn't keep up as they lost to Luverne 12-2. Jaden Baker had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Tigers, while Matthew McCart scored 1 run. Ky'Avian Stoudemire, Powell Bane and Matthew McCart combined to pitch three and one-third innings and allowed three earned runs on three hits and nine walks, while striking out 9.

final at-bat and held on to post a wild 12-10 win over Charles Henderson. Lilli Sumblin had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Cadence Elmore added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Cameran Whigham added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Camryn Norris and Brynne Kelley both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Lilli Sumblin got the win inside the circle as she tossed five innings and allowed four earned runs on nine hits and three walks, while recording five strikeouts.

Ariton 15 New Brockton 4

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks trailed only 5-3 after three innings, but gave up 10 runs in the fourth and never caught up in a 15-4 loss to Ariton. Kennedy Hussey had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Shelby Hobbs added 1 hit and 2 rbi, and Kierstin Sunday, Kinsley Owens and Mackenzie Jones all added 1 hit and 1 run. Two New Brockton pitchers combined to allow fifteen earned runs on eight hits and thirteen walks, while recording six strikeouts.

Slocomb 10 New Brockton 1

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind 7-0 early and never recovered in a 10-1 loss to Slocomb. Anna Blackmon had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Morgan Eldridge added 1 hit and Kierstin Sunday scored 1 run.

Houston Academy 8 Kinston 2

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs fell behind early and saw a

late rally fall short in an 8-2 loss to Houston Academy. Cadence Elmore and Brynne Kelley both had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Camdyn Norris and Aubrie Brown both added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Wicksburg 3 Kinston 0

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs stranded five runners on base in a 3-0 loss to Wicksburg. Cadence Elmore, Lilli Sumblin, Jesikah Seay and Lauren Norris all had 1 hit to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Lilli Sumblin was the hard luck loser in the circle despite pitching four innings and allowing only two earned runs on five hits, while striking out five.

SOFTBALL – JUNIOR VARSITY

Brantley 7 Headland 2

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead 5-0 in the second inning and coasted to a 7-2 win over Headland. Anna Free had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Coco Stamps added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Lydia Sowell and Annabell Bryan both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Alex Grimes and Anna Free combined to pitch four innings and allowed no earned runs on no hits, while recording 10 strikeouts.

Geneva 7 Kinston 4

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs fell behind early and never caught up in a 7-4 loss to Geneva. Mary Beth Weeks and Madisyn Jones both had 2 hits to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Logan Parish added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's, and Taylor McKinney and Chloe Phillips both added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Brantley 8 Ashford 5

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead 8-0 in the fourth inning and turned back a late rally to outscore Ashford 8-5. Anna Free had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Alex Grimes added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Marley Kilcrease added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Lydia Sowell added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Anna Free was the winning pitcher as she tossed five innings and allowed five earned runs on one hit and five walks, while striking out 15.

Brantley 5 G.W. Long 0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs used a 5-run fifth inning to post a 5-0 lead over G.W. Long. Anna Free and Lydia Sowell both had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Marley Kilcrease, Coco Stamps, Summer Simmons, Annabell Bryan and Adalida Latham all scored 1 run. Anna Free was the winning pitcher as she tossed a four-inning one-hit shutout with nine strikeouts.

Rehobeth 7 Brantley 2

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw an early lead evaporate in a 7-2 loss to Rehobeth. Alex Grimes had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Marley Kilcrease added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Anna Free and Annabell Bryan both added 1 hit.

BASEBALL – VARSITY:

Charles Henderson 10 Zion Chapel 2

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind 7-0 early and never recovered in a 10-2 loss to Charles Henderson. Wes Braisted had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Rebels, while Austin Jordan added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, Mason Stuart added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Morgan Sanders and John Foster Hamm both added 1 hit.

Headland 8 New Brockton 6

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored six runs in the sixth inning to pull even, but gave up a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh in an 8-6 loss to Headland. Blake Peterson and Jaxon Whitworth both had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Riley Simmons added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Dawson Peacock added 1 hit and 1 rbi.

Carroll 4 New Brockton 2


The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their early-season victory drought continue with a 4-2 loss to Carroll. The Gamecocks fell behind 4-0 in the opening inning and never caught up. Jaxon Whitworth had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Gabe Herrington and Blake Peterson both added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Payton Green and Colton McClenney both added 1 hit. Hunter Bedsole and Kyle GaVette combined to pitch seven innings and allowed three earned runs on nine hits, while striking out nine.

Kinston 11 Emmanuel Christian 0


The Kinston Bulldogs scored in every inning to post an 11-0 win over Emmanuel Christian. Cade Jones had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Marcus Free added 2 hits and scored 1 run; CJ Lunsford added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's on a home run; and, Cale Sumblin added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Cale Sumblin was the winning pitcher as he tossed four innings and allowed one hit, while striking out 10, and Drew Branch pitched one inning and recorded three strikeouts.

New Brockton 9 Zion Chapel 4

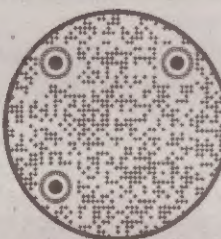
New Brockton's Payton Green blasted a two-run homer in the top of the seventh inning to ignite a seven-run rally as the Gamecocks claimed a wild 9-4 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Payton Green and Jaxon Whitworth both had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Dawson Peacock and Riley Simmons both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Kyle GaVette and Hayden Pope both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Payton Green, Hunter Bedsole and Jacob Fisher combined to pitch seven innings and allowed one earned run on five hits, while striking out 10. Brady Flowers had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Rebels, while



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